GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR FORESTRY CLEARANCE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal related to forest in respect of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Ghot, Gadachiroli, Maharashtra has been received/approved;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government has deposited the amount required for the proposal related to forest with the forest department;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, whether the Government is contemplating to give special permission for the construction work;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

a) to (d) Yes, Sir. A proposal for diversion of 12.00 ha. of forest land for construction of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Ghot, Gadachiroli district, Maharashtra was received in April 2002. The proposal involves violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as the construction of the School building had taken place during 1988-91. The State Advisory Group (SAG) took note of the fact that the concerned department had similarly constructed Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya in the neighbouring Chandrapur district without prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Taking a lenient view, stage I clearance for Vidyalaya in Chandrapur was accorded. The compliance by the User Agency of the conditions stipulated in the Stage I clearance for Vidyalaya in Chandrapur are yet to be received.

(e) to (g) On receipt of compliance of the conditions stipulated in Stage I clearance for Vidyalaya in Chandrapur, the proposal for Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Ghot can be considered.